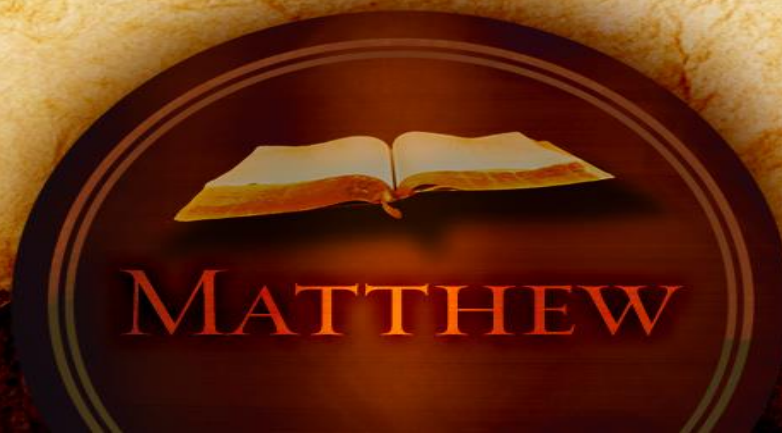




Matthew 6:13

Keep Watchful: A prayer for Protection and Deliverance





Our prayers should be:

1. Relational (He's OUR Father)
2. Reverent (He is in heaven, His name is Hallowed/Holy)
3. Submissive (Thy kingdom come, THY will be done)
4. Dependent (Give us this day our DAILY bread).
5. Penitent. (Forgiven and forgiving).
6. Watchful (Aware of, and seeking, God's protection)



Matthew 6:9-13

9 “Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

10 ‘Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

11 ‘Give us this day our daily bread.

12 ‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 ‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



Matthew 6:13 is the prayer of someone who recognizes their own weaknesses and their propensity to sin and they are crying out, “Lord, I never want to be in a position where I have besmirched your name and must endure your chastening. I never want to be in a position where I need you to chasten me. I never want to be in a position where I am straying from you, so that I must endure your trials as a child of God.”



Two reasons God brings Trials:

1. Our Perfection

2. Our Correction



- God brings trials for your good.
- Satan brings temptation for your downfall.



Satan

- Is not omnipresent (everywhere all at once).
- Is not omnipotent (all powerful).
- But he does have an army of demons working.



Matthew 6:13b

“....But deliver us from the evil one.”



“The evil one”

Matt. 13:19 ““When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, **the evil one** comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.”

Eph. 6:16 “In addition to all, having taken up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of **the evil one**”



“The evil one”

1 Jn. 5:19 “We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of **the evil one**.”

Matthew 13:38 “The field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of **the evil one**.”

1 John 3:12 “Not as Cain, who was of **the evil one** and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother’s were righteous.”



Satan

Means: “Adversary” or “Opponent.”



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The Christian walk comes down to two things:

- 1) Vigilance
- 2) Discipline



1 Corinthians 9:24-27

“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Now everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.”



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2 Thessalonians 3:3

“But the Lord is faithful, who will strengthen and guard you from the evil one.”